

REMARKS

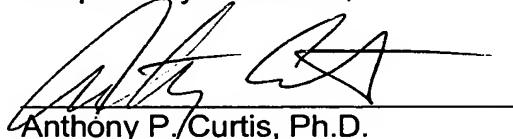
The Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 16, 2004, indicated that the oath or declaration was missing. Enclosed are a copy of the declaration filed on December 22, 2003, Express mail receipt and a copy of the postcard receipt confirming that the declaration was received by the USPTO on December 23, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the USPTO received the declaration. However, if necessary, Applicants request any necessary petition, and that any necessary petition fee be refunded when it is determined that the declaration was in fact received by the USPTO with the application deposited.

In addition, Applicants have rewritten portions of the specification to remove reference to Figs. 4-12. The changes are shown with strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the filing date of the application is December 22, 2003.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, however, should any fees be deemed necessary for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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